

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since there are no new claims or issues and the only claim amendments place the remaining claims into condition for immediate allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, and 29 are all the claims currently pending. Claims 3, 8, 10-20, 23, 26, and 28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in an attempt to expedite prosecution by placing all allowable claims into condition for immediate allowance.

In the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2008, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 4 were allowed and that claims 24, 25, 27, and 29 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Claims 2, 21, 22, and 24 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The above claim revisions are believed to appropriately address the Examiner's concerns for these claims, and if the Examiner has any additional concerns, Applicants request that he call Applicants' representative at the number below.

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by US Patent No. 7,031,994 to Lao et al., and claims 23, 26, and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Lao, further in view of US Patent No. 5,025,407 to Gulley et al.

Although Applicants continue to respectfully traverse that Lao reasonably teaches or suggests the present invention, cancellation of these claims render these rejection moot, thereby placing all remaining claims into condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, and 29, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted electronically, via EFS, this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to the USPTO on July 24, 2008.



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